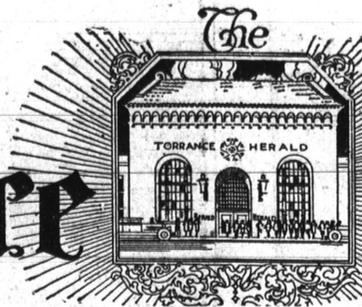




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## CHAMBER BODY IN SUPPORT OF INDUSTRIALIZED SETUP

President Lanz Given Whole-Hearted Endorsement By Membership At Meeting Monday Evening

United and whole-hearted support of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and its present policy of encouraging industrial development was voiced by civic leaders and citizens in all walks of life at the quarterly meeting of chamber members Monday evening.

In an opening talk, B. W. Lanz, president of the chamber, stated that all the time and money that had been spent through the Chamber of Commerce during the past ten years was just beginning to bear fruit. He pointed out the opportunity that exists for securing subsidiary plants to locate near the substantial and basic industries which are already located in Torrance. It is the addition of these subsidiary industries which will help greatly in building up the community, Lanz said.

Mr. Lanz said he was gratified to learn how sincerely the members of the chamber were endorsing the recent reorganization of the chamber along industrial lines. By electing industrial executives as directors of the chamber, these men have become more interested in civic work, and the community has benefited thereby. As the industries are such an important part of the city, it is not only to the advantage of industrial executives to take an active interest in civic work, but it is also beneficial to the community at large, Lanz pointed out.

We must now convince all the citizens of Torrance that it is just as much their duty, and to their advantage to support the Chamber of Commerce as it is the directors. Don't hesitate to make suggestions, President Lanz emphasized.

## Torrance Seen As Ideal Place By City Manager

Torrance would be an ideal city for the city manager form of government, said C. W. Koerner in an address Monday evening at the membership meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Koerner is a past president of the National City Managers Association, and is soon to resign his position as district manager of the Southern California Edison Company to accept a position as city manager of Pasadena.

Over \$100,000 a year have been saved by the City of Pasadena through the adoption of the city manager charter, and the application of business methods as administered by a single and responsible executive, Mr. Koerner stated.

## Employe Burned In Gas Explosion

A. C. Smith, 3016 230th street, Torrance, was severely burned about the face and arms Monday in a gas explosion at the Pacific Smelting plant, 2219 Western avenue, where he is employed.

## Democrats Start Member Campaign

Plans for an extensive membership drive for new adherents to the Democratic party in Torrance are being arranged by the new chairman of this department, Robert Lewellen and Beverly B. Smith, president. According to announcement, precinct captains will be appointed in each of the 12 polling districts of Torrance and an immediate campaign for new members will be launched under their direction.

## Japanese Family In Auto Accident

H. Izuono, 2052 342nd street, Lomita, and his family were injured more or less seriously in an automobile accident near Long Beach Saturday, and Mrs. Izuono is still confined to the Community hospital in that city suffering from a pelvic fracture.

## Torrance Under Its Quota For Aqueduct Labor

Actual Payroll Exceeds Allotment For Past 21 Months

This city is one of eight Southern California cities in the Metropolitan water district whose employment quotas for September were not fulfilled, according to a comparative statement obtained today at the district's office in Los Angeles. In some of the eight cases, it was noted the employment quota since January 1, 1932, has been filled, in some it was exceeded, and in others considerably behind.

Beverly Hills has fared poorest of the 13 cities in the district, with its September quota but one-fifth filled, and its quota since January 1, 1932, little more than one-third fulfilled. The Compton quota, on the other hand, was nearly double what it should have been in the 21 months. Basis of the allotments is accumulated assessments of the various cities, it was explained.

Here are the number of men entitled to work in September, the number that actually worked and the percentage:

Beverly Hills—Quota 98, actual 28, or 28 1/2 per cent of the 28 1/2 per cent entitled. For 21 months—Quota payroll \$72,298, actual \$29,918.

Torrance—Quota 35, actual 20, or 57 per cent of the 1.02 per cent entitled. For 21 months—Quota payroll \$26,165, actual \$26,644.

Santa Monica—Quota 90, actual 67, or 74 per cent of the 2.59 per cent entitled. For 21 months—Quota payroll \$66,449, actual \$49,331.

Los Angeles city alone is entitled to employ 75.9 per cent of all workers, on the basis of accumulated assessments, it was shown. In reality that city's share last month was 79.85 per cent, though for the 31-month period the actual payroll was \$1,929,416, against \$1,944,129 as its quota.

Compton, Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena also exceeded their September quotas.

September quotas for the other nine cities follow: Anaheim, 34 of the 35 per cent entitled; Burbank, 1.08 per cent of the 1.18 per cent entitled; Compton, .69 per cent as against .45 per cent entitled; Fullerton, .27 per cent of the .55 per cent entitled; Glendale, 2.28 of the 3.20 per cent entitled; Long Beach, 3.32 per cent as against 7.9 per cent entitled; Pasadena, 2.96 per cent as against 2.42 per cent entitled; Santa Ana, 1.52 of the .95 per cent entitled.

## Former Resident Escapes Fire Death

Friends of Jake Groskopf, former resident of Torrance now living in Los Angeles, are happy to know that he was one of the workers who escaped death in the terrible fire disaster at Griffith Park recently.

Mr. Groskopf was among the group which was sent into the canyon to fight the fire, and was overtaken by the flames. His escape from death or serious injury was due to one of those rare fortunate incidents which seldom occur outside the pages of a novel.

## McGuire Funeral Rites On Friday

Mrs. Amy J. McGuire, age 71, passed away Tuesday afternoon, October 17, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Foster, 24723 Eshelman avenue, Lomita. She had resided in this city for the past three years. Funeral services will be held at Stone & Myers chapel Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by cremation at Pacific Crest.

## Kiwanis Club Goes to District Meeting

Fifteen members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club attended a district meeting held at Santa Monica Monday evening. Plans for the coming California-Nevada meeting were discussed, which will be held in Bakersfield next month.

## Will Rogers and The Labor Strikes

To our way of thinking, Will Rogers, famous humorist, a few days ago made the most sensible comment on the labor situation that we have read, when he said:

"It must be terribly discouraging to Mr. Roosevelt after eight months of hard work to try to get people a job to have 'em strike the minute they get it. It looks like if all these dissatisfied groups instead of striking would keep on working and lay their complaints before the government with the proviso that if it's settled in their favor they get the extra back pay. Labor has seen enough of Roosevelt to know he is in sympathy with 'em, and that in a government arbitration they will get a square deal. Help your company to start making some money, and when they do Roosevelt will see that you get a fair part of it. If American labor would work while their case is being arbitrated, instead of striking, they would have the gratitude of our President and the sympathy of everybody."

## Retail Grocers Association Executive Discusses NRA Code

LOMITA.—"Things will not get better until they get better where the depression started—among the producers," stated S. M. White, secretary-manager of the Southern California Retail Grocers Association, in his address last night to the Lomita-Harbor City Business Men's Association.

Mr. White spoke on the code and the sales tax at the invitation of the association, and explained the difference between the N. R. A., which is a labor and wage agreement, and the N. I. R. A., which has to do with fair trade practices and will do away with the N. R. A. when adopted.

Selling below cost, pernicious price cutting, was, in Mr. White's opinion, the greatest detriment to the producer, as in order to sell his produce under such conditions, he was obliged to cut wages, lower quality and quantity.

The code, as proposed, contains a mark-up for the retailer of 7 1/2 per cent above the jobbers' prices and 10 per cent above the wholesalers'. This provision is being fought by certain large concerns, which make a practice of selling certain lines below cost to draw trade and then offset the loss by an unreasonable profit on their standard lines.

In regard to the Riley-Stewart bill, which is responsible for the sales tax, Mr. Smith stated that his association had decided not to circulate repeal petitions at this time, although the purpose of the act was being voided by the absorbing of the tax by large concerns, whereas the practice should be passed on to the consumer. In San Francisco, where there were less price-cutting concerns, the tax was working better, he stated, than in the south.

The recent decision of Attorney General Webb that if a state code were adopted, it would be ineffective after a federal code was adopted, was a disappointment to the California grocers, Mr. Smith stated, as it was hoped through such a code to regulate hours of operation of groceries, a provision which the federal code will not attempt.

Mr. Smith urged patience in regard to the N. R. A. program and advised members not only to wait awhile before criticizing but to discourage such talk in their places of business.

In order to make it unnecessary to bring minor complaints and difficulties before the meeting, chairmen were appointed to whom to refer such matters, as follows: Dr. T. W. Bullock, chairman, and A. J. Hodge, assistant, of the retail and miscellaneous group of concerns, which includes florists, amusements, dentists, chiropractic, jewelers, ice dealers, and ornamental tile makers.

Charles S. Likens is chairman of cafe and lunch concerns, with M. Lewis assistant.

The grocery, meat and bakery members have J. Lindeman as chairman and J. P. Worthington, assistant.

Feed stores and lumber yards, E. B. Steigh, chairman, and W. E. Hagnew, assistant. Real estate, barbers, shoe repairers, cleaners and dyers, J. Hansen, chairman, and J. Kastrop.

Joe Metz is chairman of the shop and auto wrecking committee with E. E. Williams as assistant. At the next meeting, November 1, it is hoped to have a speaker explain the south-end sewer situation.

## Heavy Increase In Tax Defaults Noted This Year

First Installment of County Levy Due Ten Days Hence

How Los Angeles county taxpayers will react to the new \$1.20 general county tax rate on their 1933-34 tax bills, upon which the first installment is due November 1, some ten days hence, is a matter that concerns Los Angeles county officials.

Particularly are county officials concerned in view of the steady climb in percentage of delinquencies, as shown by an analysis of county taxes levied, collected and unpaid, since 1920.

Briefly, delinquencies have risen from \$25,000 in 1919-20 to \$11,210,264 in 1932-33. The analysis shows, steadily has been the climb, even upward with the exception of two years, 1921-22 and 1922-23. By percentage, delinquencies were 3.21 per cent in 1919-20, 2.75 per cent in 1920-21, 2.27 in 1921-22, 1.95 in 1922-23 and from then on steadily upward. By percentage, decreases are less for three years.

In 1919-20 the county levied \$25,737,000 in taxes and collected \$24,911,000. In 1932-33 there was levied in taxes four times the amount, \$103,337,000, of which but \$39,727,000 was collected, leaving \$112,102,644 still outstanding.

Greatest levy of all time was back in 1929-30, however, when \$130,819,000 was levied, and only \$59,909,000 delinquent. Percentage of delinquency that year was 4.29. Then came the crash, but delinquencies next year were only \$7,149,000 or 5.61 per cent.

The following year, 1931-32, effects of the depression were keenly noted in tax collections. More than \$12,000,000 of that year's levy was uncollected. And this year it rose to \$11,210,264, or 13.67 per cent of the total.

## Completion of Sepulveda Up to Los Angeles

City Will Pave New Boulevard Through Santa Monica Mountains

Los Angeles city will undertake the paving of Sepulveda boulevard through the Santa Monica mountains, West Los Angeles and the Baldwin Hills west of Inglewood, it was learned today at the Los Angeles city hall upon good authority.

This decision was reached several days ago at a conference between members of the Los Angeles city council. At the same time it was learned that the metropolitan city will improve the north San Fernando roadway northwesterly from San Fernando city, to a tunnel with the old ridge route near Newhall tunnel.

Both projects will be financed out of the metropolitan city's quarter-cent return on the gasoline tax, which for Los Angeles city is expected to amount to approximately 89 cents per capita, or well over \$1,000,000. This figure is for the entire year, however.

Some time this week Los Angeles county expects to receive its regular quarterly allotment of gasoline tax funds. This money is already pledged to road projects throughout the county, it was stated.

Simultaneously, it was anticipated this city and every other municipality in the county would receive its quarter-cent share, as provided for in the Breed bill, passed by the last legislature. The law provides that this money may be spent by cities only upon state highway projects within the municipality. In the case of Sepulveda boulevard and the north San Fernando road both are state secondary highways within the city of Los Angeles, it was explained.

Inquiry at the offices of the state highway engineer in Los Angeles revealed that the state has no funds set up for Sepulveda during the biennium ending June 30, 1935. The county budget, for specify where the supervisors are to spend their respective shares. In previous years the money was set up by items. However, it is understood that the supervisors will aid the Sepulveda boulevard project, at one end or the other, later on.

## COUNTY CONSTABULARY AND JUDGES MEET HERE TONIGHT

Lomita Township Will Be Host to Large Group of Peace Officers For the First Time Since Organization

Constables and justices from all townships in Los Angeles county have been called to their monthly business meeting Thursday night, October 19, when Lomita township will be host.

The affair will be held in the court rooms in the Levy building, 1524 Craven avenue, which has been put in spick and span condition for the reception of the guests.

Constable Charles E. Taber, who is in charge of arrangements, has invited former Justices L. J. Hunter and S. D. Patterson of Lomita, R. M. Kemp, president of the Lomita and Harbor City Business Men's Association, and others from that city. He has also issued invitations to Municipal Judge Charles T. Kippy, City Attorney J. R. Jensen, Mayor C. Earl Conner, Fire Chief Ben Hannebrink, Chief of Police G. M. Calder, Sam Levy, Carl L. Hyde and Grover C. Whyte of Lomita.

The principal business to come before the meeting will be the revision of the by-laws, an recently the justices of the peace in the various townships have joined the constabulary organization, and some changes in the code are required.

This is the first time that Lomita township has entertained the peace officers and a large crowd is expected. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

## Old Street Car Remodeled Into Beauty Parlor

Miss Katherine Mullin Brings Unique Business Idea to Torrance

When Katherine Mullin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullin, 1323 Cota, has brought to the city an intriguing idea for a beauty salon, which is sure to attract widespread attention.

Miss Mullin purchased an old street car which has been set up on a lot at the corner of Border and Western avenue, and has remodeled and fitted it up as a modernistic shop.

The work of interior decorating in pale green and black has been done by the young owner. Assisted by some of her friends, a natty new linoleum in harmonizing colors covers the floor. The seats have been removed and in their places are large booths where the beauty work will be done. New equipment of the latest design and all accessories are now being set up in preparation for the opening day. The outside of the car has been painted a light golden tan.

Miss Mullin is an experienced beauty operator who has worked in the best shops in Hollywood. The past two years she has been employed by the Leroy Beauty Salon in Inglewood.

## De Silva Entertainers At Benefit Show Wednesday Night

Two shows, at 7 and at 9 o'clock, will be given by the De Silva Entertainers at the benefit performance under the auspices of the Veterans Co-operative Relief Association of Torrance, at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia, Wednesday evening, October 25.

The De Silva Entertainers are headliners in the amusement world. Their acts have been included in many of the notable motion picture successes such as the "Gold Diggers of 1933" and many others. They are regularly seen and heard at the Ambassador Hotel, which caters to a high class clientele and offers only the best in entertainment features.

Money from the sale of tickets to the affair here, which are placed on sale at a very low price, will go into the treasury of the association, which for two years has carried on in an effort to maintain the morale of the Torrance employed, find them work to do and food for their hungry families.

Should anyone in Torrance who has two bits pass up this opportunity to help his friend and neighbor? Next Wednesday night, at 7 and 9 o'clock, at the Woman's club.

## Torrance Girl Named In Will of Grandfather

Thirteen-Year-Old La Verne Spears Gets Substantial Sum From Estate

La Verne Spears, 13, of 2044 1/2 Arlington, Torrance, will receive \$1000 from the estate of her late grandfather, Barton W. Spears, who died in Los Angeles on October 4. This was revealed today when the petition for probate of the will was filed in Los Angeles probate court.

Henry G. Spears, La Verne's father, will share on the estate to the extent of more than \$15,000, according to the petition.

The elder Spears, in his will bequeathed \$1000 to each of three grandchildren. The other two were Barton W. Spears, Jr., of Los Angeles, and Irwin Spears, Los Angeles. Residue of the estate, which the petition stated would approximate \$38,500, is to be divided equally between the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Spears, of Los Angeles, and her son in Torrance.

Mrs. Spears is to serve as executor of the estate without bond, the will specified. The principal item in the estate was an interest in the estate of Ione Mae Spears of New York City, valued at \$25,000, the petition stated.

## HOUSES FOR SALE

VANCOUVER, B. C. (U.P.)—City councilmen are considering sale of 1988 residences, whose owners are unable to pay delinquent taxes.